estates taken over by Government who have been retained in connexion with the administration of those estates. If they are qualified to hold similar posts under the Government, their pay is fixed in the scales of pay allowed to Government servants holding similar posts. Reduced scales of pay have been fixed for estate employees who do not possess the qualifications prescribed for the corresponding posts in Government service. If, however, in due course the unqualified persons become qualified, their pay will be fixed in the scales of pay applicable to Government servants.

"As regards *village officers*, immediately after an estate is taken over, village officers therein are allowed pay only at the rates of pay applicable to village officers in proprietary areas and at which they were drawing pay when the estate was taken over. In addition, the headman, the karnam and the village menials are paid commission at the rate of 2 per cent, 2 per cent and 1 per cent respectively of the amount of arrears of rent collected by them. After the expiry of one fasli year from the date of the taking over of the estate, their salaries are refixed temporarily, with reference to the land revenue collected under the Estates Abolition Act at the rates admissible to village officers in regular ryotwari villages."

Acquisition of ryotwari lands under the Land Acquisition Act.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI C. RAJESWARA RAO (on behalf of Janab Syed Mahaboob): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have acquired any ryotwari lands under the Land Acquisition Act; and

(*b*) if so, the amount of compensation paid to the ryots concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Compensation as determined under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act is paid to the ryots concerned."

Reduction in the number of holidays for the High Court.

* 57 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN (on behalf of Sri V. Gurunandan Row): Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any proposal to reduce the number of holidays for the High Court and if so, the present stage of the proposal?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India and their decision is awaited."